

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Title 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

Date of Meeting: July 9, 1996 from 0800 to approximately 1735, July 10, 1996 from 0800 to approximately 1730, and July 11, 1996 from 0800 to approximately 1240.

Place: Federal Highway Administration Conference Room, 901 N. Stuart Street, Ste. 304, Arlington, VA.

Matters to be Considered: Research and Development Proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Programs funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Kimberly Kay, Labat-Anderson Incorporated, 8000 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102 or telephone 703-506-1400, extension 552.

Dated: June 7, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Realignment of Towed and Self-Propelled Combat Vehicle Mission From Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania; the Associated Combat Vehicle Material and Management Functions From the Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny, Pennsylvania (DDLDP); and the 142nd Explosive Ordnance Detachment From McClellan, Alabama to Anniston Army Depot (ANAD), Alabama

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the realignment of the towed and self-propelled combat vehicle mission from Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD), Pennsylvania, to Anniston Army Depot (ANAD), Alabama, and the combat vehicle material and management

functions from the Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny (DDLDP) Pennsylvania, to Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Alabama (DDAA). The Army also proposes to relocate the 142nd Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD) from Fort McClellan, Alabama, to ANAD, pursuant to another of the Commission's recommendations.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the environmental impacts associated with the transfer of 154 civilian positions from DDLDP to DDAA and 17 military positions from Fort McClellan to ANAD. The reallocation of the combat vehicle mission to ANAD involves only the transfer of workload. No additional jobs will transfer because there are adequate personnel at ANAD available to perform the additional workload. It also involves the construction of a new transmission dynamometer facility, a new machining facility, a new operations facility for EOD personnel use, expansion of the recoil repair room, renovation of the recoil honing facility, and upgrade of the firing range. Three parcels of land totaling 137 acres within the Nichols Industrial Complex would be used for storage of combat vehicles before and after maintenance work.

The EA, which is incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact, examines potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on 13 resource areas and areas of environmental concern: land use, air quality, noise, water resources, geology, infrastructure, training areas, hazardous and toxic materials, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, the sociological environment, economic development, and quality of life.

Based on the analysis found in the EA, which is hereby incorporated in this Finding of No Significant Impact, it has been determined that the implementation of these realignments at ANAD would have no significant or cumulatively significant impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment. Because no significant environmental impacts would result from implementation of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

DATES: Inquiries will be accepted until July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact can be obtained by contacting Dr. Neil Robison at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, ATTN: CESAM-PD-E,

P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by telephone at (334) 690-3018.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (IL&E).

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Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for: Headquarters, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill, Fort Sill, OK

AGENCY: U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to identify and evaluate the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for the U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill (USAFACFS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments may be forwarded to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CESWT-PL-R (J. Randolph), P.O. Box 61, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The most recent environmental documentation prepared under the guidelines set forth by the National Environmental Policy (NEPA) for Fort Sill activities, including the Master Plan, was the Fort Sill Ongoing Mission EIS completed in September 1978. Since then several changes in legislation, program activities, and missions have occurred. The Fort Sill Master Plan, now referred to as the Fort Sill Real Property Master Plan (RPMP), has become increasingly complex and diverse. Based upon this complexity and diversity of the RPMP, the nature of the activities conducted in the implementation of the RPMP, and its potential to have significant impacts on certain natural, economic, social, and cultural resources of the Fort Sill community, it has been determined that an EIS should be prepared for the RPMP. The study area for environmental concerns will be the entire Fort Sill installation. The objective is to provide a comprehensive and programmatic EIS which is a complete, objective appraisal of the environmental impact of the installation's RPMP. The purpose of the RPMP EIS is to serve as a planning document for managing activities at the installation by the commanders, Installation Planning Board, Master Planning Office, Directorate of Environmental Quality, and others; a source of public information, and as a reference for mitigation tracking.

Alternatives

1. No-Action Alternative: Whereby, only those RPMP projects that are currently on-going or funded will be completed.
2. Action Alternative 1: Whereby, only those RPMP projects that are considered to have a "high probability" of receiving funding, in addition to those currently ongoing or funded, will be completed.
3. Action Alternative 2: Whereby, all the projects of the RPMP will be completed.

Significant Issues

The Fort Sill reservation contains approximately 94,221 acres of land. Some of this land serves as habitat for protected species of wildlife. Of the areas within the installation that have been surveyed to date for cultural resource properties, 832 properties have been identified and recorded. Nearly all of the current and proposed RPMP projects and sited within the 6,015 acre cantonment area, where the majority of the installation historic buildings are located.

List of Affected Parties

A mailing list has been developed for various notices concerning the preparation of this EIS. This list includes local, state, and federal officials having jurisdiction expertise, or other interests in the action: environmental interest groups, and local news media.

Scoping

Comments received as a result of this Notice of Intent will be used to assist the Army in identifying potential impacts to the quality of human and natural environments. Individuals or organizations may participate in the scoping process by written comment or by attending a scoping meeting. The time and location of the scoping meeting will be announced in the Lawton Constitution and by public notice sent to parties indicated in the previous paragraph.

To be considered in the Draft EIS, comments and suggestions should be received no later than 15 days following the public scoping meeting. Questions regarding this proposal may be directed to Mr. Jim Randolph at the above address or phone (918) 669-7191.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Corps of Engineers

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Report for Proposed U.S. Food & Drug Administration Laboratory, Irvine, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) plans to consolidate the functions of several of its California facilities as recommended by the April 15, 1994 document, "Proposal for Implementing and Managing the Restructuring of the Field Laboratories." As a consolidated facility, the laboratory would be multi-functional with respect to FDA activities, including administration functions, such as investigation and compliance activities, and laboratory testing and analytical services. The facility would have a Food chemistry Branch, Drug Chemistry Section, Pesticide Branch, Microbiology Branch, and Biochemistry section for its testing and analytical services. In addition, the FDA, in cooperation with University of California, Irvine, may utilize portions or functions of the laboratory for educational purposes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For a copy of the DEIS/EIR or for further information, please contact Mr. Alex Watt, (213) 452-3860, or by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (ATTN: CESPL-PD-RQ), P.O. BOX 2711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325. Written public comments on the Draft EIS/EIR can be sent to Mr. Alex Watt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 30423 Canwood Street, Suite 218, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Written public comments and suggestions received by July 29, 1996 will be addressed in the Final EIS/EIR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No long-term adverse ecological or environmental health effects are expected due to the land acquisition for, and the construction and operation of the proposed U.S. Food and Drug Administration Laboratory. No significant impacts are expected to occur.

Scoping: A Scoping Meeting was held in Irvine, California on December 7, 1995. Public notices requesting input and comments from the public concerning issues they believed should be addressed in the environmental impact statement were issued in the regional area surrounding University of Irvine Campus.

A Public Hearing will be held to give individuals and groups the opportunity

to comment, either orally or in writing, on the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed action as presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (DEIS/EIR). The date, time and location of the hearing will be announced in the local news media. Separate notification of the hearing will also be sent to all parties on the project mailing list.

Copies of the DEIS/R are available for review at the following locations:

UCI Main Library, Reference Desk, P.O. Box 19557, Irvine, California 92713-9557.

UCI Main Library, Government Publications, P.O. Box 19557, Irvine, California 92713-9557.

Heritage Park Regional Library, 14361 Yale Avenue, Irvine, California 92714.

Newport Beach Public Library, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, California 92660.

University Park Library, 4512 Sandburg Way, Irvine, CA 92715.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Report for Norco Bluffs Bank Stabilization Measures, Norco, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District propose to stabilize the Norco Bluffs banks which are located along the Santa Ana River in the City of Norco, California. The toe of the bluffs has undergone substantial erosion resulting in the collapse of sections of the bluff and the endangerment of approximately 56 structure, roadways, and utilities along the bluff. Two alternatives are under consideration. The National Economic Development Alternative is the construction of an earthen toe protection structure with soil cement erosion protection. The Locally Preferred Plan is the preferred alternative, and consists of toe protection with stabilization of the bluff slope using buttress fill.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For a copy of the DEIS/EIR or for further information, please contact Mr. Alex Watt, (213) 452-3860, or by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (ATTN: CESPL-PD-RQ), P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325. Written comments and